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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20857-0003

Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

Dear Dockets Management Branch:

I am writing as a consumer of health care services to register my objections to the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

The MOU must be amended. In its present form, the Memorandum, along with the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of physicians and patients to obtain health care products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. **I believe strongly that there should be no restrictions on the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel.**

I am assuming that depriving consumers like me of our right to make use of pharmacies specializing in compounded prescriptions was not the original intent of this legislative guidance. Its effect, however, will be to restrict severely my choices regarding pharmaceutical products, effectively creating a monopoly for brand name drugs. I urge you to amend the MOU and the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act to prevent unintended harm to health care consumers.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

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